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Construction Bonds and Related Services
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August 30, 2005

Mrs. Cathy Nelson
HydroGeologic, Inc.
1155 Herndon Parkway, Suite 900
Herndon, VA 20170

RE: Pollutant Solicitation # SCC060000
Arizona Department of Environmental Quality
Contracts and Procurement Unit

Dear Mrs. Nelson:

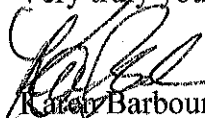
The Barbour Group, LLC. is pleased to recommend HydroGeologic, Inc. to the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality. HydroGeologic, Inc. is a valued client of The Barbour Group, LLC and of its surety, Edmund C. Scarborough, an Individual Surety, managed by International Bonding and Construction Services, Inc, a Risk Management Company. Your firm has demonstrated outstanding performance and possesses an exceptional management team.

The captioned project falls within your current bonding capacity, which at present is \$100,000,000. The Individual Surety Program provides an FDIC approved Bank Trust Receipt and/or an Irrevocable Credit Pledge that supports each bond under said program dollar for dollar. We have the capability for an A rated Corporate Surety cut through of which International Bonding and Construction Services, Inc. indemnifies said cut through on behalf of HydroGeologic, Inc. covering construction contracts in the United States of America and/or U.S. Government Projects outside the continental U.S. not to exceed \$100,000,000 in the aggregate of outstanding contracts.

If you are the successful offeror, we would be willing to approve the required performance and payment bonds in accordance with the guidelines for the State of Arizona as outlined in the specifications captioned above subject to our standard underwriting requirements

This Individual Surety Program is a Federal Alternative to Circular 570, pursuant to 48CFR 1 part 28 (28.203).

Very truly yours,


Karen Barbour

President and Agent Representative

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